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Sunday	Feb 7	<i>35th Sndy aftr Pntcst / Tone 2 / Afterfeast of the Meeting</i>
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
Monday	Feb 10	<i>Eve of the Hieromartyr Blaise</i>
		6:30 pm Vespertal Liturgy
Saturday	Feb 13	<i>Ven Simeon the Myrrhgusher</i>
		5:30 pm Great Vespers Confession
Sunday	Feb 14	<i>36th Sndy aftr Pntcst / Tone 3 / Zacchaeus</i>
		Readings: 1 Tim 4:9-15 Lk 19:1-10
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour

STEWARDSHIP / Jan 31

Operating	\$7,294
OCA Assessments	1,806.00
Maintenance	85.00
Icons	10.00
Uganda	110.00
Charities	30.00
Hollister Memorial	200.00

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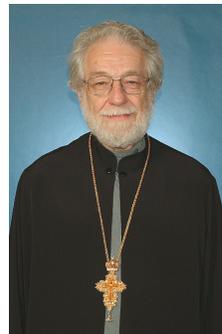
Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Ted Geletka, Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr), our Parish Faithful, the Furman family, Marie Gaydos (Maryann S' csn), Mary Ellen (Ruth B's mom), Fred Bessel (Jean M's frnd), Dr Michael Soroka, Mike Nadolski (Gloria H's frnd), Richard Mirauntz, Ruth Bede, Tim Price, suffering Christians in the Middle East.

Anniversaries: Fr Andrew & Debbie (2/7).

Birthdays: Anastasia Schelkanov (2/9), George Tintor (2/13).

Expecting: John & Michelle, Matt & Michelle, David & Maria, Patrick & Deanna, Jairus & Riley.

Newly Departed: Fr Daniel Hubiak (Deb's cousin 2/5), Prtdcn John (Fr A's frnd 2/1), Fr Alexander Cutler (1/26), Sotire Agapetus (1/24, Adam C's Godfather), William (Fr A's frnd 1/3).



Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak

On Friday evening, February 5, 2021, Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak, former Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America (1973 to 1988) and former OCA Representative to the Moscow Patriarchate (1992 to 2001) fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 94 in retirement.

Daniel Hubiak was born on December 29, 1926 in Akron, Ohio to Archpriest Afanasy and Susan (Wanchisen) Hubiak, where his father was the founding pastor of Saint Nicholas Church, now in Mogadore.

After serving in the US Army, he graduated from Columbia University and Saint Vladimir's Seminary in New York City in 1951. On September 16, 1951, Daniel married Evdokia (Dunia) Martynuk of Brooklyn, NY.

Following many years in Parish Ministry, Fr Dan went on to serve the Church at the Central Chancery as Secretary, Treasurer and eventually, Chancellor.

In the late 80's Russia was opening up and on January 1, 1992, Father Daniel and Matushka Dunia were assigned to serve in Moscow at what became the OCA's Representation Church of St Catherine.

After nearly a decade of ministry in Moscow, Father Daniel and Matushka Dunia returned to the United States in 2001 and settled permanently in their home in coastal Maryland. He soon became the first pastor of a new mission community in the area, which has now grown to be Christ the Savior Church in Berlin, MD.

Fr Dan is Debbie's cousin on her mother's side.

For the full story visit oca.org

The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple

The Meeting of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is described in the third Gospel (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the Divine Child was brought to the Temple at Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple for forty days. At the end of the time of her purification, the mother went to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb, two turtledoves, or pigeons to the Lord as a sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity. Out of humility, however, she fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he beheld the promised Messiah. By divine inspiration, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Child Jesus to fulfill the Law.

Saint Simeon received the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was an 84-year-old widow, Saint Anna the Prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel (February 3), "who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day." She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the Divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: "This Child has established Heaven and earth."

Before Christ was born, the righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited

His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous persons of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet Him in the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. We have sermons by the holy bishops Methodios of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilokhios of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the VI century.

In 528, during the reign of Justinian, an earthquake killed many people in Antioch. Other misfortunes followed this one. In 541 a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople, carrying off several thousand people each day. During this time of widespread suffering, a solemn prayer service (Litia) for deliverance from evils was celebrated on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and the plague ceased. Giving thanks to God, the Church established a more solemn celebration of this Feast.

Church hymnographers have adorned this Feast with their hymns: Saint Andrew of Crete in the VII century; Saint Cosmas Bishop of Maium, Saint John of Damascus, and Saint Germanus Patriarch of Constantinople in the VIII century; and Saint Joseph, Archbishop of Thessaloniki in the IX century.

Today we also commemorate the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos known as "the Softening of Evil Hearts" or "Simeon's Prophecy." The Mother of God is depicted without her Child, and seven swords piercing her breast: three from the left side, three from the right, and one from below.

A similar Icon, "Of the Seven Swords" (August 13) shows three swords on the left side and four from the right. The "Softening of Evil Hearts" is also commemorated on August 13.

The Icon "Simeon's Prophecy" symbolizes the fulfillment of the prophecy of the righteous Elder Simeon: "a sword shall pierce through your own soul" (Luke 2:35).

In Constantinople, the Emperors would celebrate the Feast Day at the Blakhernae church during the All-Night Vigil. This custom continued until the Fall of the Byzantine Empire.